

Maiden Voyage

1968-The S/V Steelhead, which was the first fisheries survey vessel of the Michigan Department of Conservation (currently the Michigan Department of Natural Resources) was sailed from its constructed port of Escanaba by T.D. Vinette Co. to its permanent port of Charlevoix. It was designed to facilitate fisheries surveys which include the systematic collection and analysis of information on the abundance and biological characteristics of fish stocks and their habitat.



The S/V Steelhead has a steel hull with an aluminum deck house, a length of 65 feet, 16 foot 4 inch beam, 6 foot draft and is over 70 gross tons. The vessel is propelled by two Twin 380 HP turbo-charged diesels and has a cruising speed of 10 knots (11.5 mph). The vessel was designed to accommodate five crew members with pilot house, laboratory, bunk rooms, galley and a head. The total cost of construction was \$105,000.

